



Chattanooga City Council
Chattanooga, Tennessee
John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 2022
6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chairman Darrin Ledford called the meeting to order. A quorum was present that also included Vice Chair Raquetta Dotley and Councilpersons Carol Berz, Demetrus Coonrod, Chip Henderson, Isiah Hester, Jenny Hill, Marvene Noel, and Ken Smith. Others present were Phil Noblett, Deputy City Attorney, and Nicole Gwyn, Council Clerk. Video of the meeting is available on YouTube by clicking [here](#).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Noel led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave an invocation.

APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Coonrod, the minutes of the last meeting (August 30, 2022) were approved as published.

ORDINANCES – FINAL READING:

On motion of Vice Chair Dotley and seconded by Councilman Smith, K

ORDINANCE #13893

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE XXI, DOWNTOWN CENTRAL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (DOWNTOWN CBID), SECTION 11-531, ESTIMATED COSTS AND RATE OF LEVY; SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE FOR CERTAIN NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

The motion carried.

ACTION: APPROVED

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

2022-0162
Pratt and Associates
Planning Commission Version
District No. 3

Agenda Item VI(a):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, SO AS TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6422 HIXSON PIKE, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO RT-1 RESIDENTIAL TOWNHOUSE ZONE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Councilman Smith informed the Council that the Applicant had requested to withdraw this item. Therefore, **Councilman Smith moved** to withdraw. Councilwoman Hill seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: WITHDRAWN

RESOLUTIONS:

PROCEDURAL NOTE: With no objection from the Council, Chairman Ledford instructed the Clerk to group and read the following five resolutions for one Council vote.

RESOLUTION #31282

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LEA ANNE WILES TO THE HEAD START GOVERNING BOARD FOR DISTRICT 2, WITH A TERM BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 6, 2022, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 6, 2024.

RESOLUTION #31283

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SANDRA NORWOOD TO THE HEAD START GOVERNING BOARD FOR DISTRICT 5, WITH A TERM BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 6, 2022, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 6, 2023.

RESOLUTION #31284

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SHARON WATTS TO THE HEAD START GOVERNING BOARD FOR DISTRICT 6, WITH A TERM BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 6, 2022, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 6, 2024.

RESOLUTION #31285

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF WHITNEY BRAZELL TO THE HEAD START GOVERNING BOARD FOR DISTRICT 7, WITH A TERM BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 6, 2022, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 6, 2023.

RESOLUTION #31286

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD GREENE, JR. TO THE BOARD OF SIGN APPEALS FOR DISTRICT 9, WITH A TERM BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 6, 2022, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 6, 2025.

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve all five resolutions. Councilwoman Hill seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 31282 - 31286 ADOPTED

On motion of Vice Chair Dotley and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #31287

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE SURPLUS OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 501 WEST 12TH STREET, FURTHER IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP NO. 145C-B-001.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Vice Chair Dotley,

RESOLUTION #31288

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME EXCEPTION TO THE PTO BUY-BACK POLICY AT ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES WHO WERE OVERPAID DURING THE 2021 PAY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS, DUE TO CALCULATION ERRORS BASED ON INCORRECT POSITION SENIORITY DATES SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Hill and seconded by Councilwoman Berz,

RESOLUTION #31289

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER TO RENEW THE BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER 552039 AGREEMENT WITH INDUSTRIAL/ORGANIZATIONAL SOLUTIONS (I/O SOLUTIONS), FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTIONAL ASSESSMENT SERVICES FOR THE CHATTANOOGA FIRE DEPARTMENT, FOR THE FINAL TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR, FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000.00.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Berz and seconded by Councilman Smith,

RESOLUTION #31290

A RESOLUTION RENAMING THE OUTDOOR CHATTANOOGA BUILDING LOCATED AT 200 RIVER STREET TO THE "PHILIP GRYMES OUTDOOR CHATTANOOGA BUILDING."

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

On motion of Councilwoman Hill and seconded by Vice Chair Dotley,

RESOLUTION #31291

A RESOLUTION TO JOINTLY APPLY WITH CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY/NORTH GEORGIA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION, AS LEAD APPLICANT, TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE SAFE STREETS FOR ALL (SS4A) GRANT TO DEVELOP A METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN.

The motion carried.

ACTION: ADOPTED

PROCEDURAL NOTE: With no objection from the Council, Chairman Ledford instructed the Clerk to group and read the following three resolutions for one Council vote.

RESOLUTION #31292

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, WITH COMPLETE DEMOLITION SERVICES, LLC, FOR CONTRACT NO. E-16-006, LUPTON CITY MILL SITE CLEANUP AND REMEDIATION PROJECT, FOR AN INCREASE OF \$137,520.00, FOR ADDITIONAL IMPORTED FILL TO COMPLETE THE REQUIRED SOIL COVER CAP, AND AUTHORIZING A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$300,000.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,862,920.30.

RESOLUTION #31293

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, WITH COMPLETE DEMOLITION SERVICES, LLC, FOR CONTRACT NO. E-16-006, LUPTON CITY MILL SITE CLEANUP AND REMEDIATION PROJECT, FOR AN INCREASE OF \$137,520.00, FOR ADDITIONAL IMPORTED FILL TO COMPLETE THE REQUIRED SOIL COVER CAP, AND AUTHORIZING A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$300,000.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,862,920.30. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. F-18-001-201, WALL PANEL REPAIRS AT FIRE HALL NO. 10, TO MIDWEST MAINTENANCE, INC., PIPUA, OH, TO REPAIR STRUCTURAL WALL PANELS FOR \$65,059.00, WITH A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,500.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$71,559.00.

RESOLUTION #31294

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. W-19-006-201, CITICO PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS, TO HAREN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., ETOWAH, TN, TO INCREASE CAPACITY AND IMPROVE REDUNDANCY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,242,200.00, WITH A CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$924,200.00, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$10,166,200.00.

Councilman Hester moved to approve all three resolutions. Councilwoman Hill seconded. Councilwoman Noel expressed thanks for the Citico Pump Station improvements and its impact on the community. The motion carried.

ACTION: RESOLUTIONS 31292 - 31294 ADOPTED

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Proposed Purchases

Brent Goldberg, Chief Financial Officer, briefed the Council on the following proposed purchases:

PO# 555428 Fleet Management Division, Public Works \$2,000,000.00
Sedans, SUVs, Vans & Light Trucks
Lowest/Best Bidder: Ford of Dalton
P.O. Box 519
Dalton, GA 30722

200338,2 Facilities, Public Works \$80,000.00
Protective Footwear
Lowest/Best Bidder: Cintas Corporation
2131 Polymer Drive
Chattanooga, TN 37421

REQ121488 DTS \$500,000.00
Technology services and products comparable
to the products and services received via CDW-G
Lowest/Best Bidder: SHI International
290 Davidson Avenue
Somerset, NJ 08873

Early Learning \$500,000.00
Playground Equipment for Head Start centers [\(Play and Park Structure Quotes\)](#)
Lowest/Best Bidder: Play & Park Structures
544 Chestnut Street
Chattanooga, TN 37402

REQ121875 Parks and Outdoors \$89,500.00
New Holland Compact Track Loader
Lowest/Best Bidder: Chatt Tractor & Equipment Inc
2034 E Polymer Drive
Chattanooga, TN 37421

Councilwoman Berz moved to approve. Vice Chair Dotley seconded. The motion carried.

ACTION: ALL PURCHASES APPROVED

Emergency Purchases (2):

Mr. Goldberg also informed the Council of the following emergency purchases:

| Date | Dept. | Description | Cost | Supplier | Explanation |
|---------|--------------------|--|--------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 5/9/22 | Public Works | Repair of broken wastewater lateral in the roadway at 5008 16th Avenue using the C-SLAP funding mechanism established in City Code, as ordered by City Court on May 9th, 2022. | \$45,634.04 | South East Total Service, LLC | <p>An illicit discharge at 5008 16th Avenue was reported to Public Works Stormwater Division on November 12, 2021. The investigation report showed sewage coming from the lateral cleanout cap and spilling onto the road. Public Works Wastewater Division televised the main sewer line and found a blockage in the lateral. It was later determined that the lateral line was broken 25 feet underground beneath the roadway. The property owner was quoted \$45,634.04 from South East Total Service, LLC, to repair the lateral and restore the roadway. Being unable to afford the cost and still under ongoing enforcement actions from the Public Works Stormwater Division, the property owner asked to go to City Court to determine if the C-SLAP program under City Code could be used to get a no-interest loan on the repairs using South East Total Service, LLC, as the contracted plumber. On April 7th, 2022, the Judge ruled that C-SLAP could be used to finance the repairs using the requested contractor. The order was signed on May 9th, 2022, and work on the lateral line finished on June 6th, 2022</p> <p>EVENT TYPE: Emergency</p> |
| 8/31/22 | Finance Department | Temporary Staffing for Payroll | \$110,000.00 | Robert Half | <p>An emergency purchase was initiated on June 9, 2022 to procure temporary staffing services from Robert Half, a firm specializing in staffing for accounting, finance, and related fields, in the amount of \$35,000. On August 31, 2022, an additional emergency purchase</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>was initiated to add \$75,000 to the PO in order to ensure continuity of payroll operations through December 31, 2022. The cost is offset by multiple vacancies in the payroll department. The new amount is not to exceed \$110,000.</p> <p>EVENT TYPE: Emergency</p> |
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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee
Councilwoman Berz (No report)

Economic Development Committee
Councilwoman Coonrod (No report)

Education and Innovation Committee
Councilwoman Noel (No report)

Equity and Community Development Committee
Vice Chair Dotley (No report)

Legislative Committee
Councilman Smith (No report)

Planning and Zoning Committee
Councilwoman Hill reported:

- The Planning and Zoning Committee met today in open meeting to review agenda items.
- The Planning Commission will meet on Monday.

Parks and Public Works
Councilman Hester reported

- The committee met today in open meeting and heard a Parks & Outdoors presentation.

Public Safety Committee
Councilman Henderson (No report)

STVR Ad Hoc Committee

Councilman Henderson informed the Assembly about the STVR Ad Hoc Committee meeting next week, September 13th, at 1:00 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL
(Listen and view on YouTube [here](#))

Attorney Noblett read the rules of procedure for persons wishing to address the Council. After which, Chairman Ledford recognized the following persons:

| Speaker Name | District | Primary Topics: |
|-------------------------------------|----------|---|
| • Marie Mott | 8 | Problems in local education / Purpose of public commentary / Problem-solving in city government |
| • Joshua Kapellusch | (N/A) | Rights of citizens / Urgency in helping the unsheltered |
| • Jon Jon | 8 | Bonding and Bridging Social Capital / Upzoning and public transportation working together |

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Smith, Chairman Ledford adjourned the meeting of the Chattanooga City Council until Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK OF COUNCIL